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In re patent application of Freire et al.

Serial No. 09/734,696

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For: **"METHOD FOR THE PREDICTION OF BINDING TARGETS AND THE DESIGN OF LIGANDS"**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME
AND
AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 11/07/2002, the Applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time to respond. A check in the amount of \$55 is attached. If any additional fees are required to grant this petition and enter this amendment, the Commissioner is authorized to charge attorney's deposit account 50-2041 (Whitham, Curtis & Christofferson).

In response to the Office Action mailed 11/07/2002, the Applicant requests entry of the following amendments:

In the Specification:

1) Priority

On page 1 of the application, directly after the title, please insert the following:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

2) Abstract

On page 76 of the application, please delete the section entitled "Abstract" and replace the section with the clean copy of the section which is attached. An edited version of the replacement section follows:

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